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on her face and arms, and the hair and eye-

brown of the other were sadly scorched."

From what the writer goes on to say, it would

seem that she did not improve much in good

feeling, though of her years, and she was

up to the mark, though the fair sex in

matter of taste and fashion. Quite a crowd

of fashion; and notwithstanding the deplorable

and mortifying condition they were in, though

engaged in it, was very in its relations,

one in itself, and all the more so, because

she was a little girl, and the flames, namely

the crinolines. A policeman fortunately came

up to them with a coach, and drove them to a

house, where a physician somewhat alleviated

their suffering. Many a poor soul, I suppose,

had to ascertain the cost of the fire, but nothing

more was discovered; and we are left to

suppose that the fire was communicated to

the dress of the lady by a match thrown down

by some thoughtless gentleman, lighting a

cigar, and so on, the flapping of the crinoline

had set the flames.

Madame Bistoni is now in London, where

she will remain until the end of this month.

She will then visit various parts of the island,

and return to Paris in April next, where she

will be anxiously expected by her numerous

friends.

The harvest has already commenced in the

southern departments. The crops are expected

to yield abundantly, and the people look for

with delight at the prospect of again

reaping a bumper crop.

The official organs are still continually harp-

ing upon the immorality of the people of the

United States; but if they would only compare

the accounts given in their own papers

with those we see in the columns of the *Times* of

London, and the outrageous murders committed

in France would more than counterbalance

those committed amongst us.

For the National Era.

THE EXPERIENCE OF A BASHFUL MAN.

BY GALE HAMILTON.

April 10, 1857.

as the horns penetrated to the depth of six or eight inches. Again the lion retreated, groaning and limping in a manner which showed that he had been severely hurt, but so soon collected all his energies for another attack. A instant, the combat, the gentlehman presented a horn, so as to strike the lion immediately between the two fore legs; and so forcible was the stroke, that the whole length of the horn was buried in the lion's body. For a minute, the two combatants struggled; then the lion, half, slowly backing, withdrew his horn, and the lion tottered, and fell on his side, his limbs quivering in the agonies of death. The victor made a triumphant flourish of his heads, and trotted off, apparently without having received the least injury in the conflict.—Dr. Livingstone's *Travels in Africa*.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1857.

THE office of the *National Era* is removed to the newly-erected "Republican Building," corner of Indiana avenue and Second street.

The Editor of the *Era* has been absent for the last three or four weeks, and will be absent for a few weeks longer. This announcement, which should have been made sooner, is due to him, to the gentleman who has charge of the *Era* during his absence, and to the able contributor to its editorial pages.

Moralists, theologians, and jurists, occupied as they are with principles and duties which are permanent, uniform, and universal, are but little affected by objective conditions and circumstances; but they are directly involved in the every-day agencies of life and business; they are occupied with prophecy and criticism; they may teach in poetry or prose; they are not responsible in court or camp; their accounts are not settled in market or at bank; but politicians—and every American citizen is in this function—must work in the actual life around them; they must give all practicable effect to principle, and they must consult necessary expediency, under their imperative obligation to achieve, not the absolute best, but the best attainable results which circumstances can be made to afford and allow. They may not concur in this, but the accidently feeble force can use incidental advantages indirectly to a successful issue, when they are in its favor, and must, in such case, accommodate itself to its necessities.

By the Constitution, we could not abolish Slavery in the States, by policy we can, and in justice we may. By the new rule of Federal legislation and of Judicial construction, we can prohibit Slavery in the Territories, but it is in our power to exclude it in fact.

It is, indeed, absurd to cling to the notion that there is no power but that of Congress to settle the social and economical destiny of the Republic, and that this power must be exerted in direct legislation upon the allowance or prohibition of Slavery in the common domain. Congress has a score of other and undisputed capabilities for influencing the result, and of these the *Times* leaders upon the subject:

"As for the supposed specialities of the case, the impossibility of distinguishing between a cargo of voluntary and of enforced immigrants, and the impossibility of securing for the negro wages, liberty, and a return at the end of his term, we have only to ask whether the African is not equally a slave."

"Since then, our rights are secured, and our produce can only be raised in sufficient quantities in our climate, and to our system of labor, may we not hope to have our own line of steamers established, and thus secure the advantage of direct trade with the European nations?"

We have in this letter a spectacle presented to the world, which, for the fact that it is not at all singular in this Republic, would be a matter of astonishment. A prominent member of the Administration, in a letter to a Commercial Convention, sets one side to argue in favor of Slavery. The glorious act of the English Parliament, in emancipating the slaves in her colonies, is characterized as "mistaken philanthropy," and the result of that act is stated with only symptomatic, and never certain and reliable, while they ignore the state and functions of the capillaries, which really do the work of the organism. In such a master as the fortunes and prospects of Slavery, they are much more affected by a speech in Congress than by the newspaper notice of an improved plough, which will have the effect of driving cheap labor from every plantation in the Union. Yet the plough revolutionizes the industry which Slavery depends upon, and the speech only enacts a law which will lose its effects by the changes which the industrial implement introduces. They take little or no notice of the abundance or scarcity of money, which, at every change, affects the prosperity of the nation, and to an equal extent modifies the actual state of every man and woman, white and black, in it, and either carries forward or sets them back in the march of their destiny. They give no intelligent attention to the policy which must necessarily keep the slave in the lowest forms of physical labor, and so certain that the highest truths should appear and take their full effect in the working provisions of the institutions which they rightly rule—but little inclined to accommodate themselves to the current necessities of things, or to tolerate an enormous belief that politicians and politicians are necessarily corrupting and corrupt.

Those who separate themselves from the world in order to reform it, and propose nothing less than the instant and integral rule of first principles in the conduct of public affairs, and insist that practice should strictly conform to preaching—in a word, that the highest truths should appear and take their full effect in the working provisions of the institutions which they rightly rule—but little inclined to accommodate themselves to the current necessities of things, or to tolerate an enormous belief that politicians and politicians are necessarily corrupting and corrupt.

It is this surprising; for, with the Sermon on the Mount, the Declaration of Independence, and the bills of rights in our State and National Constitutions, all blazoning with their own light, and all corroborated by the judgment of natural conscience, one must always feel, in his endeavor to do the best he can in the circumstances, that the best is something short of the absolute right, as if he were going out into the wilderness to be tempted, without the assurance that he will find scripture ready for his defense in all the exposed positions upon which he is about to venture. The practical wisdom which the people of England, who forced the English Parliament into the act of emancipation, will consent to any such iniquity at this day? The thing is impossible. If a system of immigration is approved by Parliament, which we do not believe, it will be so guarded that the rights of the immigrants will be fully protected.

WALKER'S REPLY TO GENERAL WOOL

We published, two weeks ago, portions of a letter to the *Intelligencer*, from General Wool, criticizing the conduct of the late Administration towards the California filibusters. Gen. Walker was also attached to the letter, and we do him the justice to publish his reply, which appeared in the columns of the *Intelligencer*:

"Now, Sir, for the satisfaction of the South, and of all who may labor under doubts, distrusts, and misapprehensions, it will suffice to say, that we believe, as we know, that the negro, to wit: that Mr. Buchanan did mean, in his instructions, that *both* legal *slave* *holders* residents of the one that the other. In our colonies, at least, it will be always easy to get the negro immigrant, and to give him a ready tributary supply of negroes, for the *slave* *holders* of the South, that can command a price of about *one* *hundred* dollars a head, and that will be their own *affair*, as, indeed, it is already."

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the work evinces that the author can write a better one. There is a knowledge of human nature, and the operation of its principles in the history of life; there is the observation of a diverse effect of the same causes on persons in the different classes of people, and on which things of apparently trivial importance, because magnified by the prejudices and passions, and thus are made to play a part which much of human woe or woe depends, think, however, that there is a tendency in man to often sit staring or unconscious, and traines of causes and effects; in this way, the natural and easy course of development is interrupted.

The poisoning of Kate Homer seems an unusual incident, and is not, after all, very managed, in connection with the trial, and the deliverance, of the false-accused.

We have received an admirable address by B. F. Sanford to the voters of the Tenth Congressional District of Kentucky. Mr. Sanford is the Republican nominee for Congress in that district, and his address is an excellent Anti-Slavery document.

The *Presbyterian Witness* publishes a protest against the course of Dr. Ross and his associates, in calling a Convention to form a Southern Presbyterian church, signed by three members of the Kingdom (Tenn.) Presbytery.

It is reported by telegraph that the Cheyenne Indians were about to attack Fort Riley, and that Gov. Walker, of Kansas, had sent a force, under Col. Cooke, to the aid of the fort. What will the people of Lawrence do, now that the number of troops about them is doubled?

A MISTAKE.—The *Washington States* quotes the following somewhat remarkable passage from the *Richmond Whig*:

"We have said, when the admission of Kansas shall practically conclude the whole controversy on the vexed subject of Slavery, neither we nor any Southern man could then have the slightest hesitation in co-operating with any man or set of men who would propose a platform of other issues and now measure."

For example, in the matter of a distribution of the public lands among all the States, would not be justified in standing shoulder to shoulder with anybody who would be unquestioned voters in Minnesota, and who would have voted Free State in October, but, to-day, is a son born unto you; he is under two years of age. Now, are the officers of justice clamoring at your door for the poor wretch punishing for a cup of water—'As do it unto the least of these my brethren, ye do it unto me.'

My poor pen can give you no idea of its power, of its pathos. The silence and breathless attention of the audience filling, as it did, the entire house during its delivery, and the three times it was applauded as finished, testify the sincere approbation of the hearers.

After the oration came a poem, from some genius, "Saxe," and if we had in the Free State men, such could be three times better.

There are at least fifteen thousand adult male residents of Kansas this day, who would be unquestioned voters in Minnesota, and who would have voted Free State in October, but, to-day, is a son born unto you; he is under two years of age. Now, are the officers of justice clamoring at your door for the poor wretch punishing for a cup of water—'As do it unto the least of these my brethren, ye do it unto me.'

Wednesday eve, came off the concert by Dodworth's Band, from New York, who discoursed music for the commencement exercises. They are too well known to need comment from me.

Thursday was taken for the exercises of the graduates. Nineteen orations and two poems were delivered by members of the class, all of a high order; after which, the degree was conferred, and the crowd dispersed. The class, forming the procession, marched to the "old pine," smoking the "pipe of peace," made speeches, &c., reformed, marched to the various recitation rooms, to their favorite Professor's residence, and gave him three rousing cheers; then back to the College building, and dispersed. The exercises closed with a *levee* at the library rooms, in the evening, with a full attendance.

THE ELECTIONS.

MISSOURI.

The accounts from Missouri indicate the election of James S. Rollins as Governor of that State, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Tristian Polk, recently chosen a Senator in Congress.

The St. Louis *Republicans* of the 6th instant give the returns from a few counties, as follows:

St. Louis 4,784 6,638 5,634 6,836
Independence 882 1,016 849 972
Morgan 347 249 403 227
Cooper 287 778 787
Cole 667 382 552 279
Boone 875 1,399 958 1,329
Howard 902 757 867 798
Lafayette 506 621 1,293
Pike 100 1,113 1,181

There are other counties in which considerable gains are reported for Mr. Rollins. His majority in most of them is stated at nearly 50 per cent, which, although in sixty counties are yet to be heard from, gives his friends with confidence in his success.

Robert M. Stewart was the regular Democratic candidate. Mr. Rollins was an "Independent" candidate, and was supported by the leading organizations of the municipal, social, and religious, Benton Democrats, and Old Line Whigs. Speaking to this point, the St. Louis *Intelligencer* (the organ of the American party) of the 6th inst. says:

"He has told us terrible violations of politeness Americans are guilty of. We can tell him that he is not a whit more guilty when you may, all over the Union, in no place will you see an American woman laboring in the fields, (as in France and Germany,) like a beast of burden; in no place will you find the habit of beating wives within an inch of their lives; in no place will you find the slaves of the express purpose of punishing their husbands; in no place will you find (as in Ireland) women, with whole families of young children, beggar their bread on the highway in the streets, miserably and starving."

It is possible that our sprightly contemporaries never heard of "American women laboring in the fields?" Did he ever travel in a slave State? Do women never bask in the sun? Do they never look for the comforts of life? The evils of the *Pro* alludes occur among the working classes of Europe. How is it with the subject of reflection to many; the adaptation of the truths illustrated classes of persons of which these are examples, will be seen by the effect to the error and unbelief, and instill a strong and honest conviction to God.

FROM VERNON.

The Crops—Dartmouth Commencement Exercises—Curtis, Saxe, &c.

SNOW'S ST. VRT., August 4, 1857.

To the Editor of the *National Era*:

Since my last, the state of the crops in this section has changed in a great degree. Like the preceding month, July has been very wet. Perhaps not a larger quantity of rain has fallen in the aggregate, but continuous showers almost every day, and quite warm. Such weather was just the thing to bring forward the growth of the crops, and I have heard many remarks, "they never saw corn grow so rapidly before."

It is now nearly as forward as it generally is at this season.

However nice such weather may be for corn, it is not just the thing for making good "hay-weather."

There is much hay now standing, which was ripe enough to cut a fortnight ago. Add to its ripeness the fact of its being so much washed, and you will see there must of necessity be much hay laid in for this winter's stock.

A few such seasons will bring "knock-down" arguments in favor of "hay-carts." They would have saved their coats to farmers this year, if they had been procured in season. Hay made by standing in the cock is much superior to hay made in the common way, even in fair weather.

Farmers are cutting their wheat and rye. Wheat is very good, and rye said to be very heavy and extra nice.

Fruit (one of our principal crops) will not be as heavy as we expected; for the past two years it has been very light, last year absolutely nothing. One merchant I know, said he had frequently seen from fifteen to twenty tons of dried apples; last year, did not take in a pound. This year, the trees blossomed very finely; but the fruit blasts while small; and when larger, the worm makes sad ravages; so, one can hardly find a nice, fair apple, especially in old orchards.

The ravages of the worm have been going on from bad to worse every year, and some measure must be taken soon, and promptly, too, or our apple crop will be a crop no longer.

Miss. Richardson, Curtis, and Walton, are largely abroad for Supreme Judges.

Kentucky Election.

Louisville, August 8.—In the third congressional district, the result of the election is still undetermined. A majority is claimed for War-ell Underwood, American. In the fourth district, Albert G. Talbot, Democrat, is elected.

The State Legislature will be Democratic in both branches.

North Carolina Congressional Election.

Petersburg, August 9.—But few returns from North Carolina have come in—only three of the ten districts reported. The 1st and 2d, the 3d, and the 4th, the 5th, the 6th, the 7th, the 8th, the 9th, and the 10th, are still undetermined.

The above references are to the public prints of the House of Representatives, at the first session of the 35th Congress.

The Iowa Election.

Dubuque, August 8.—Returns from twenty-six counties foot up to the new Constitution 5,655 votes, against 3,398. The counties yet to be heard from will increase the majority for the Constitution.

Texas Election.

New Orleans, August 7.—The returns so far indicate the election of B. F. Sanford, then Secretary of State, in his letter to Mr. Monroe, Minister of the United States at London, to demand reparation of the United States; Monroe, in his formal demand upon the British Government, said: "I have the documents which will, I suppose, satisfy you that we were American." (Cont'd. on page 2.) Madam, and Mr. Cushing, on the attack on the Chesapeake, pp. 6, 10, the above references are to the public prints of the House of Representatives, at the first session of the 35th Congress.

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As no society has yet been organized in connection with this movement, those desiring any additional information in reference to the Constitution, may address their communications to Elihu Burritt, New Britain, Conn., up to the 20th August.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

For the National Era.
THE MINSTREL.

From the German.

Handel's "Bridget" in singing;

Go, bid the minstrel: hast here;

Once will let his singing;"

The minstrel spoke; the strapping ran;

Bent with him a gray-haired man;

"Nay—head him not, master!"

"I see you young, bold, and gay!"

And ye, ladies fairest;

What minstrel plieder stills the hall?

The brightest and the rarest;

Or is it, sooth, the flashing skies;

Around me bending? Close, mine eyes,

But watching the heavens o'er me,

With trifling hand the chords he strok;

Or, when the strain was o'er,

Keen lightnings gleam from kingly look;

Ladies glance down with blushing;

The king, who felt the master's spell,

Commands, for him had pleased him well,

A chain which bound me not.

"Nay, give me the golden chain;

Such gifts are fitting for me;

For them that on the tourney plain,

A knightly contest gather.

Or give it to thy chancery;

Since other chaines were be worn,

For me, I bring a ringe;

In a tender green bough swelling;

The music in his soul that stirs,

Pays richly in out-swelling;

Yet might I not, if I were free,

A knightly barding bringe to me,

A golden bader flowing."

The wine-cup to his lips he raised;

In sooth, he daintly fairied;

In courteous words the gever praised

Who pleased him so rarely,

A knightly barding bringe to me,

A golden bader flowing."

To you, the brightest barding.

DIALOGUE BETWEEN A FREE STATE MAN AND GOVERNOR WALKER.

Corporation of the New York Tribune.

LORENCE, July 24, 1857.

I yesterday asked Governor Walker, "Do you consider us, in voting for the Topeka Constitution at the August election, as assuming a position antagonistic to the United States Government?"

Gov. Walker. "That election is either a wicked and injurious force of a reality. It is rebellious and insurrectionary, setting up a Government against the Territories of the United States. As such, it is a call of the office requiring me to stop it at once. I must, and will do it. I went to Topeka when that Legislature was in session, and requested them not to enact laws; they concluded not to, except to take the census and memorize Congress. I have no objection to the course of proceeding. I did not, in the right of position."

Free State Man. "But, sir, I regard the action of the people in voting for and presenting to Congress that Constitution as in substance making the petition that Kansas be admitted as a State."

Gov. W. "Nothing of the kind; sir; they are merely making agitation for political purposes, to forward their nefarious schemes, and ruin the Democratic party. Most of the Northern papers have adopted the Topeka movement. In the more intelligent cities of New York, but one paper (*The N. Y. Tribune*) remains in favor of the Topeka movement. There has been an immense fall in our Republican party, sir. This Lawrence movement is an usurpation of power, a plot for the destruction of millions of men, (politically,) and election of a Black Republican President in 1860. It is done by a faction in Lawrence, who obey the orders of Abolitionists and Abolition societies at the North—such men as those who manage and support the Tribune, the greatest fountain-head of the movement. They can have no hope of being admitted with the Topeka Constitution; it is impossible."

F. S. M. "But, sir, many of us think we have a well-grounded hope of being admitted into the Union, and that the majority of the settlers in its favor. Our intentions are not treasonable. We merely express our sentiments through the ballot-box. We make no collision with the laws of the United States. We intend to vote in October, under Union State lines, for the election of a Black Republican President in 1860. It is done by a faction in Lawrence, who obey the orders of Abolitionists and Abolition societies at the North—such men as those who manage and support the Tribune, the greatest fountain-head of the movement. They can have no hope of being admitted with the Topeka Constitution; it is impossible."

From the Lawrence Mercury.

THE SOUTHERN PRESS—THE STATES' DEMOCRATS.

There is no enemy so bitter as a faithless friend, or fiercer for than a deserter. In this Northern column, we find the Topeka and Sippican lecture to the so-called "Secessionists" of the South, from a Virginia paper. It will be remembered that the Richmond *Enquirer*, for several years, has been side by side with the former organ of the old Resistance, and even last year was held in derision in this behalf. No enemy could cast a fouler slur upon its own consistency and soundness to the South, than it has of late succeeded in doing for itself. It occurs in its previous position, and doth not, however, make any reference to the other combatant, but hereafter only in like manner, their honorable appendages. But the fox did not succeed in his diplomacy; and the *Enquirer* will likewise have to bear his badge of shame in the loss of its chief orator.The *Enquirer* is right. It is a patriotic, and a patriotic effort. 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